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SUBJECT: GAMBIA MINISTERIAL VISIT TO U.S.

1. EMBASSY HAS JUST BEEN ADVISED BY PRESIDENT'S OFFICE THAT GOTG WILL BE SENDING MINISTERIAL DELEGATION TO U.S. IN JANUARY TO PROMOTE GAMBIA TOURISM, AND TO COINCIDE WITH NEW TV SERIES ON ALEX HALEY'S ROOTS. DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY MIN INFORMATION AND TOURISM, BAKARY L.K. SANYANG, AND WILL INCLUDE MIN HEALTH, LABOR AND SOCIAL WELFARE, KALILU SINGHATEH (1974 IV). OTHERS INCLUDE: PERM SEC MIN INFO AND TOURISM ALIEN JAGNE; DIRECTOR INFORMATION & BROADCASTING SWAEBOU CONATEH (GRADUATE U.S. UNIVERSITY); CHARLES THOMAS OF PRESIDENT'S OFFICE; AND, KUNWAR SINGH, TOURISM ADVISOR. FURTHER ADDITIONS TO DELEGATION ARE POSSIBLE.

2. CONATEH AND SINGH PLAN TRAVEL TO NEW YORK APPROXIMATELY JAN. 2 TO MAKE ADVANCE ARRANGEMENTS. MINISTERS AND OTHERS WILL FOLLOW ON OR ABOUT JAN. 8 (FULL DETAILS LATER). VISIT WILL LAST ABOUT THREE WEEKS, AND BE CONCENTRATED IN NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON. LEE KOLKER, HONORARY GAMBIA CG IN NEW YORK

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HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN PLANNING TRIP FROM U.S. END.

3. SUGGEST AF/W CONTACT KOLKER FOR FURTHER DETAILS. EMBASSY WILL FOLLOW-UP AS INFORMATION RECEIVED HERE. GAMBIA MAY HAVE BEEN IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH HALEY, ALSO MAY BE FOCUSING ON JAN. 20 IN WASHINGTON. WYGANT

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